

**Please help us to keep**



**steaming into the future**



The 73082 Camelot Locomotive Society was founded in 1974 to rescue steam locomotive BR Standard Class Five No 73082 *Camelot* from Barry scrapyard. In 1979 *Camelot* arrived at the Bluebell Railway, and after a 16-year restoration, returned to steam in 1995. It ran for ten years hauling passenger trains until withdrawn for overhaul in 2005. *Camelot* returned to service in 2015.

At the beginning of 2021 an Intermediate overhaul was commenced, in part to deal with a persistent boiler foundation ring problem. The work included additional boiler work to enable it to get a new ten-year boiler certificate.

The Society has always been very proactive with raising funds, primarily through its' sales stand at exhibitions and events. Locomotive overhaul costs, however, keep on rising. As owners and custodians of the sole surviving BR named Standard Class Five, we have willingly supported the Bluebell Railway financially to keep *Camelot* in running condition.

The 2020-2021 Coronavirus pandemic, and consequent lockdowns, have meant that we've been unable to raise any money for over a year. For the Intermediate overhaul we have contributed £35,000 towards the cost of the materials used. This, is at a time when the Bluebell Railway has itself been under significant financial pressures, due to the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions. Our contribution has depleted the Society's financial reserves, which we need to replace, so we can help again at future overhauls.



The restored CCT at Horsted Keynes in January 2020.

The Society has also funded the restoration of its' Covered Carriage Truck (CCT) No S2531. This was done by the Bluebell Railway's Carriage and Wagon department volunteers at Horsted Keynes, over a three-year period. The CCT returned to service in the autumn of 2020. By funding this work, we have kept the money 'in-house' at the Bluebell, rather than putting it out to external contract. The £2,500 donation made by the Society will be utilised to help fund the restoration of the unique SR Maunsell Restaurant Car No 7864.

As a small locomotive group, committed to keeping *Camelot* running well into the future, we are making this rare appeal to all those who have enjoyed the sights, sounds, and smell of 73082 in action over the years. Please help us to build up our financial reserves again, so *Camelot* can keep on steaming in the future. We would very much appreciate your support.



I/we would like to help keep *Camelot* steaming by donating:

£ \_\_\_\_\_ (amount in words) \_\_\_\_\_

Cheques should be made payable to: **73082 Camelot Locomotive Society**, and posted to: **The Treasurer, 73082 Camelot Locomotive Society, 'Oakhurst' Blackheath Road, Wenhaston, Suffolk, IP19 9HD.**

Alternatively, if you would prefer to donate electronically via bank transfer, our bank details are below:

**HSBC: Sort code: 40-46-22**

**Account No: 91037293**

**Account Name: 73082 Camelot Locomotive Society** reference: 2021 appeal.

Please let us know if you have donated electronically at [Chairman@73082-camelot.com](mailto:Chairman@73082-camelot.com)

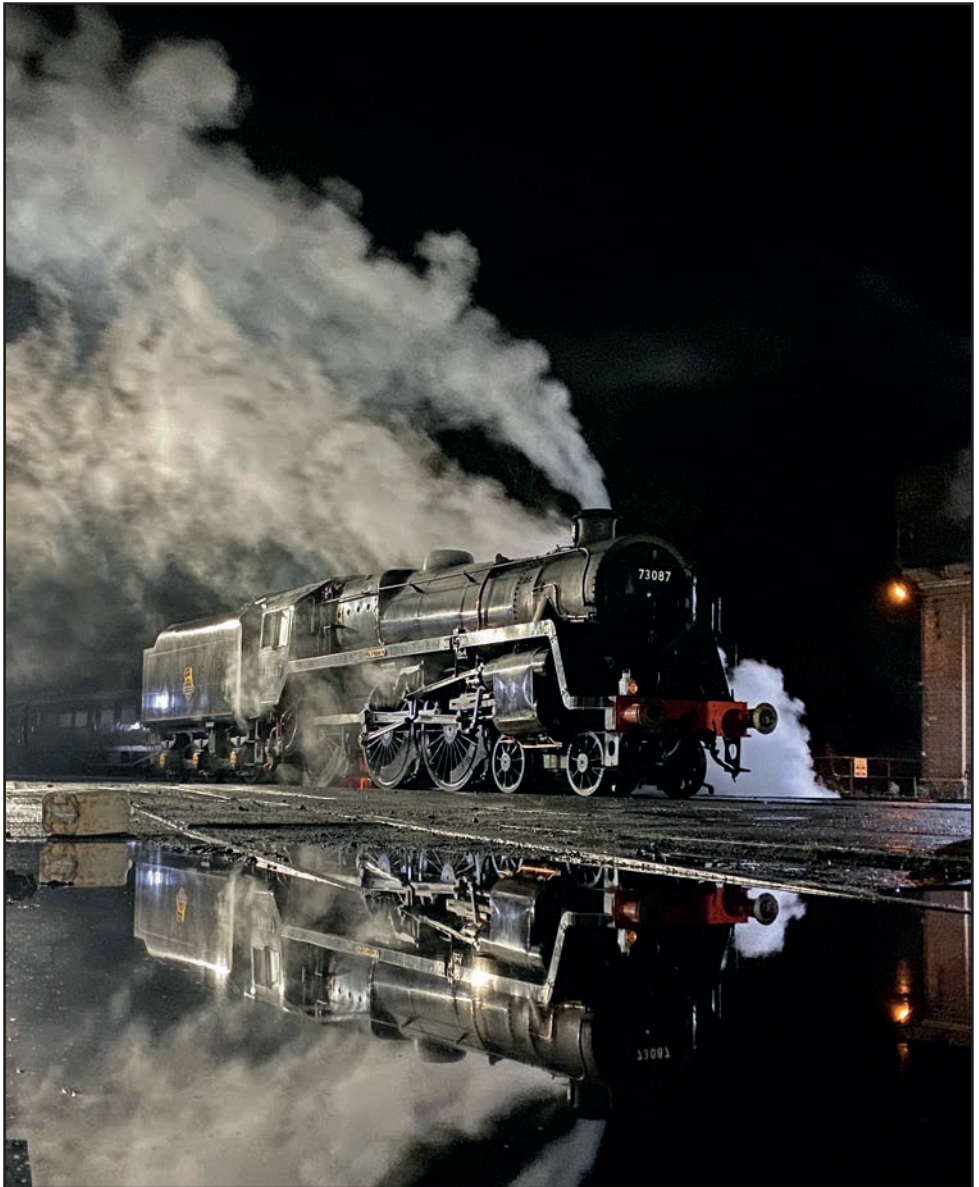
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If we may contact you by using the details you have provided, please tick this consent box:   
We will not share this information with any organisation outside of the Society. Society membership details are available at our website [www.73082Camelot.com](http://www.73082Camelot.com) or please tick the box below, and we'll post details to the address you've given above.



*'Camelot' running as 73087 'Linette' for the Giants of Steam weekend in 2019.*

Please help the Society to make sights such as this possible in future. Your donation would be greatly appreciated by all those who are entrusted with the care and future well-being of *Camelot*.

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